

—AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS—

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
TruCommunity Customer Appreciation Open House in Turtle Lake 4 to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5
Turtle Lake Mercer school is hosting a “Come play, connect, and create memories” event. 1 to 3 p.m. Learn new games and cards to play.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6
Community Cupboard of Underwood, 208 Lincoln Ave., food distribution from 10 a.m. to noon. McLean County residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11
The Lord’s Pantry is located at Trinity Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake from 2 to 4 p.m. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to receive food at no cost.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13
Underwood Civic Club Holiday Craft and Vendor Show at the City Hall. Lunch, Door Prizes and Santa Photos.

WEEKLY
EVERY TUESDAY
The Community Cupboard of Underwood Thrift Store is open every Tuesday 1 - 5 pm. 208 Lincoln Ave. Underwood

EVERY THURSDAY
AA Meeting, Turtle Lake Methodist Church on Thursday evenings at 7.
Community Clothing Share-Exchange at 221 Main St. in Turtle Lake has a clothing opportunity at no cost each Thursday from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.

AREA LIBRARY HOURS
WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY - Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
UNDERWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY - Monday & Wednesday -9 a.m. to 3 p.m. -Tuesday & Thursday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
TURTLE LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY - Monday & Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MCLEAN-MERCER REGIONAL LIBRARY, Riverdale - Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS
Noon meals are provided for those 60and over. Call a day in advance to reserve or cancel a meal. 748-2493 for Hazen, Beulah, Stanton, Zap and Golden Valley. 448-2472 for Turtle Lake and Mercer. 734-6426 for Wilton and Washburn. 442-3488 for Underwood and Garrison. Milk, bread and margarine are served daily. Suggested contribution of \$4.00 per meal. Full cost of the meal is \$11.61. Frozen meals are available for weekends and holiday closures.

December 8 through December 12
MONDAY: Chef Salad, Knoephla Soup, Garlic Bread Stick, Banana, Crackers and Dressing.
TUESDAY: Roast Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Chilled Peaches and Wheat Bread.
WEDNESDAY: Salmon, Baked Potato and Sour Cream, Green Beans with Bacon, Bananas and Oranges, Dinner Roll and Tartar Sauce.
THURSDAY: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Broccoli, Peach Crisp and Bread.
FRIDAY: Bacon Cheeseburger on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Baked Beans, Fries, Ginger Baked Pears, Ketchup, Mustard and Mayo.



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Coleharbor City Council approves liquor licenses

BY TYSON MATTHEWS
Editor
McLean County Independent

Alderman Justin Pochant called the Coleharbor City Council meeting to order last Wednesday evening at City Hall.

The Harbor Bar Owner Rob Russel attended the meeting to apply for a 2026 liquor license and a raffle permit.

“I would ask for a raffle permit through the city for the second annual ice fishing tournament in January,” Russel said. “Last year, we went through gaming and this year we’d like to go a different route. I’d rather go through the city.”

Tickets will be sold in advance for both the raffle and for entrance into the tournament.

The motions were passed by the council.

The Wolf Creek Winery Owners Randy Albrecht and Darcie Hardy were also in attendance to renew its beer and wine license for 2026.

“Historically, we’ve had a beer and wine license which did not include liquor; we’d like to expand it this year to include liquor,” Albrecht said. “The rationale behind it is that when we got into this, we thought we could work with The Harbor or Totten Trail if we brought in (liquor) for events. We tried to do a fundraiser for Pheasants Forever, and the Attorney General’s office shut us down because they can’t transfer the license to us because we are an existing licensed facility.”

As they renew the license, Albrecht said he’d like to add an on-sale only.

Albrecht said the winery missed out on hosting at least three events in 2025 because they couldn’t serve liquor.

“We really don’t want to get into (selling) liquor. It’s just for events,” Albrecht said. “We have a bar down the street for that.”

The council approved the renewal and additional license.

In other Coleharbor news: It was motioned by Alder-

man Stetson Pedersen to approve City Auditor Del Kolke to pay any bills that would accrue late fees if she waited until approval of council at the monthly meeting.

“The credit card specifically, and that’s only used for maintenance items,” Pochant explained.

It was motioned and seconded. Motion carried.

Coleharbor currently allows Airbnb’s within city limits. Airbnb owners are required to supply 24-hour contact information, which must be posted somewhere on the property.

Permits will need to be renewed going into 2026.

“Permits limit the amount (of Airbnb’s) in the city. It can be changed, but currently it’s three. It’s just to limit it so we do have some residences in town,” Pochant chuckled.

In attendance at the meeting were Aldermen Justin Pochant, Stetson Pedersen, Tim Bosak and Len Lindbo, Kolke, Russell, Albrecht and Hardy.

McLean County Sheriff’s Department Calls Of Service

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Nov. 8

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 1 a.m. on U.S. Highway 83 southbound near mile marker 137 after it was reported by a third party there was a reckless driver all over the roadway before going down in a ditch and hitting something. Adam Harder, 23, of Durham, North Carolina, was arrested for driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license.

Deputies responded at about 2:30 a.m. to U.S. Highway 83 near mile marker 200 in Washburn for a motorist

assist. It was reported a truck and trailer were hit by a Jeep near the Cenex intersection. During the investigation, the driver had admitted to drinking. Jarrett White Owl, 27, of New Town, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Nov. 10

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 12:15 a.m. on U.S. Highway 83 near mile marker 133 after the vehicle failed to maintain lane of travel. As deputies approached the vehicle, they noted the driver and passenger switch seats. At first, one of the subjects gave a fake name, later stating they did it because their

license was suspended. Deputies asked to search their vehicle, so deputies ran the K-9 officer unit around the vehicle, prompting a search. Emily Bragg, 21, of Minot, was arrested for driving under suspension and giving false information. Armond Edmundson, 23, of Bismarck, was arrested for driving under suspension and cited for open container. Ramalla Hunt, 25, of Bismarck, was arrested for driving under suspension.

Nov. 11

Deputies responded at about 3:45 p.m. to Fort Stevenson on a report of criminal mischief. An off-duty deputy reported vandalism and theft from the state park in Garrison. Upon investigation, the state park had camera footage of damage being done to the men’s bathroom Nov. 2. Along with damage done, it was reported Ryobi floor scrubber, batteries, chargers and other items were also taken from the park. Deputies are investigating the situation.

Nov. 13
Deputies responded at about

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WEATHER

Date	Max	Min	Precip
Nov 24	43	26	.05
Nov 25	28	27	.30
Nov 26	20	7	.00
Nov 27	17	13	.00
Nov 28	18	8	.15
Nov 29	15	12	.08
Nov 30	7	-3	.00
Precip Nov	0.81 inches		
Precip Jan-Dec	16.76 inches		
Snow Nov	5.7 inches		
Snow Jan-Dec	15.9 inches		
Snow season Sep-Jul	5.7 inches		

Larry Dziuk

Underwood

HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Saturday, December 13

10 am - 2 pm

Underwood City Hall

LUNCH

Knoephla Soup, Sloppy Joes, & More

Proceeds to Comet Kids Daycare

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

11:00 12:30 1:00

SANTA PHOTOS

11 am - 12 pm

Freedom Photography

Approximately 20 vendors

sponsored by Underwood Civic Club

Happy Holidays!

